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WHEAT COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS

FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1974

PUT OUT BY THE IWC AT THE END OF SUBJECT MEETINGS:

1. THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL HELD ITS SIXTY-EIGHTH
(SPECIAL) SESSION AT ITS HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON ON 21ST
AND 22ND FEBRUARY 1974. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, MR.
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PFQUCQJVHNZ NTMENT OF
INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, OTTAWA)
PRESIDED OVER THE SESSION, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY
DELEGATES FROM 37 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND OBSERVERS FROM
THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
(UNCTAD) AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP).

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2. THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE REPRESENTATION OF CHINA, AND DECIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS THE ONLY AUTHORITY WITH THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT CHINA LAWFULLY IN THE COUNCIL AND TO DEAL ON BEHALF OF CHINA WITH ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION, 1971 OR TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THAT CONVENTION.

EXTENSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT, 1971

3. THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT, 1971, WHICH EXPIRES ON 30TH JUNE 1974, CONSISTS OF TWO SEPARATE LEGAL INSTRUMENTS: THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION AND THE FOOD AID CONVENTION. THE FORMER IS ADMINISTERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AND THE LATTER BY THE FOOD AID COMMITTEE. THE COUNCIL AGREED AT THE SESSION THAT THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION SHOULD BE EXTENDED WHEN IT CAME TO EXPIRY. THE QUESTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE FOOD AID CONVENTION WAS ALSO BEFORE THE FOOD AID COMMITTEE WHEN IT MET ON 20TH AND 21ST FEBRUARY 1974.

4. A CONFERENCE FOR THE EXTENSION OF BOTH CONVENTIONS

WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVENED ON 22ND FEBRUARY 1974. MR. W. M. MINER (SEE PARAGRAPH L) WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN. THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN WHEAT MATTERS AND FOR CONTINUING A FOOD AID PROGRAMME WITH THE HELP OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE EXPIRY OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT, 1971 AND THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT COVERING WHEAT AND FOOD AID. ACCORDINGLY, THE CONFERENCE ESTABLISHED THE TEXTS OF THE PROTOCOLS EXTENDING BOTH CONVENTIONS TO 30TH JUNE 1975. THE CONFERENCE ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DEALING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE TWO PROTOCOLS.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

(I) AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE, THE PROTOCOLS EXTENDING BOTH CONVENTIONS CONSTITUTING THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 1971 WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY (THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) AND WILL BE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE BY ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTS BETWEEN 2ND AND 22ND APRIL 1974.

(II) FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL'S DECISION REGARDING THE REPRESENTATION OF CHINA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN AND RATIFY, OR TO ACCEDE TO, THE PROTOCOL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE WHEAT TRADE CONVENTION, 1971.

(III) A CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL IN LATE JUNE 1974 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED FOR THE PROTOCOLS TO ENTER FULLY INTO FORCE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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